



## State of South Carolina Office of the Governor

NIKKI R. HALEY  
GOVERNOR

1205 PENDLETON STREET  
COLUMBIA 29201

October 29, 2015

Mr. Glenn Smith  
*The Post and Courier*  
134 Columbus Street  
Charleston, South Carolina 29403

Dear Mr. Glenn,

On August 31, 2015 our office received your amended Freedom of Information Act request to narrow your scope to include "only correspondence between the governor's office and other governmental agencies/officials concerning the church shooting and the flag's removal."

As previously stated: Our office will provide any and all records in our possession that are responsive to your request, subject to any exemptions or redactions as allowed pursuant to Section 30-4-40(a) of the South Carolina Code of Laws or as is otherwise exempt from disclosure by statute or regulation or prohibited from disclosure by court order.

Pursuant to Section 30-4-30(b), our office will charge a reasonable cost for compiling and copying records as follows: At this time, our office has located an estimated 296 pages of records from June 1, 2015 through July 13, 2015. For compilation of these records, our office calculates the total cost to be estimated at \$535.19, which includes an estimated \$29.60 for copies (approximately 296 pages at ten cents per page) and an estimated \$505.59 for staff time (approximately fourteen hours and five minutes to search and copy records at an average hourly wage of \$35.90).

However, due to the widespread, national public interest of these issues, our office has chosen to waive the charge for more than 14 hours of staff time spent searching and compiling records as allowed by Section 30-4-30(b) and we have also reduced the cost per page from ten cents to five cents per page (a reduced charge is appropriate where waiver of the fee is determined by the agency to be in the public interest). Accordingly, we have waived the cost for staff time and will only assess a reduced cost for copies of records.

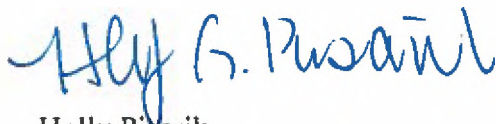
Mr. Smith  
Page 2

The total estimated cost our office will charge is \$14.80 (approximately 296 pages at five cents per page). Please provide payment by check, made payable to the "Office of the Governor" and delivered or mailed to the following address:

Office of the Governor  
c/o Holly Pisarik  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Once the deposit has been received, we will finish compiling records and determine a final cost. We will notify you as soon as a final cost has been determined.

Sincerely,



Holly Pisarik  
Chief Legal Counsel

HP/cs